

RTOC Meeting
Evaluation Summary Report
Region 9 EPA
Tucson, AZ
July 29-31, 2008

What worked well at this meeting

- Everything. Good meeting
- Liked the notes projected on the big screen. This can be accomplished at every meeting
- Great dialogue on many issues
- The content was apt and relevant. The presentation and leadership was excellent
- Good integration of work and tours. Best I've experienced!
- Collaborative way of environmental problem solving and the 7 inch cookies
- Room size and set up

Ways the meeting could be improved

- The agenda still isn't getting out to everyone before the meeting. RTOC Reps in some areas are not getting the info out
- To cut time at the beginning of the meeting, can we take roll call while doing introductions?
- During the Tribal Caucus report, it would be helpful to highlight action items that we want EPA action on instead of reporting again
- More comfy chairs
- Don't cut into Tuesday caucus with a field trip. It was wonderful field trip, but we really need to keep the time in the caucus
- Communication and feedback process should be enhanced.
- Pass out reading materials prior to meeting
- Collect and distribute manager's materials prior to meeting
- Involvement of more tribal leaders in the meetings
- Better organization and leadership of meeting by co-chair
- Improve facilitation with guidance and be aware of who may have questions

Issues requiring additional follow-up

- Getting tribal concerns heard when tribal council members are present
- Air and water quality
- Jurisdictional issues
- Federal, State, and Tribal laws
- Transition
- Delegation of primacy for Navajo Underground Injection Control program before November 2008
- Funding to complete inventory of class V injection wells on Navajo Nation
- Funds to complete the posting of signs to discourage drinking of contaminated underground water
- Update RTOC Rep contact sheet

- Provide previous meeting RTOC evaluation form information
- Update and provide ALL workgroup contact info
- Where are the meeting minutes?

Meeting structure

- Short, but okay
- Simple format for seating arrangements. Breakout sessions are best to allow details to be worked out. I especially liked the dedicated time with the Regional Administrator and tribal leaders.
- Fine
- Quite organized although many components/players
- Good. Would be better if room was set up with audience facing screen
- Excellent
- Tribal Caucus too short. Was this decision approved by the elected Tribal Caucus reps?

Suggestions/ideas on making meeting more environmentally friendly

- More recycling bins
- Use of computer and projection screen will save post-it paper
- Water pitchers and glasses instead of plastic bottles and cups
- Videos, case studies, and simulations of issues/programs a bit of group work
- Zero Styrofoam

Interest in workgroups

- Will contact leads directly
- Solid Waste Management or Waste Water
- Already working in several work groups

Tribe's interest in holding a future RTOC Meeting

- No adequate facilities or capacity to do so
- Yes

Other Comments

- Outstanding facility and meeting
- Not happy that most workgroups did not submit reports; don't they have outstanding issues? How about a report on the outstanding issues?
- Thank you so much for sponsoring my tribe to attend RTOC. It was quite beneficial
- Tribal Caucus meetings must be utilized more effectively to allow us to present our issues to EPA in a professional, united, and organized group. Let's review our own action items before the meeting close. Why weren't the proposed RTOC meeting dates and locations discussed and agreed to in Tribal Caucus?